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GOVERNMENT OF ANDHRA PRADESH

ABSTRACT

PS – PR and RD Department – Allegations of irregularities in execution of the works under PMGSY Scheme in E.G. District – Charges against **Sri P. Prabhakar Reddy**, the then Superintending Engineer, PR, Kakinada, and Chief Engineer (PR) (Retired) – Held proved in the Regular Enquiry – Representation – Imposition of 10% cut in pension for a period of (5) years under Rule 9 of A.P. Revised Pension Rules,1980– show-cause notice issued – Charged Officer expired on 06.09.2022 – Further action abated – Orders – Issued.

PANCHAYAT RAJ AND RURAL DEVELOPMENT (VIG.I) DEPARTMENT

G.O.Rt.No.246 **Dated:05.05.2023.**

Read the following :

1. From the DG, GA (V&E) Department, VR No.50(171/V&E /E2/2008), Dt.29.04.2013.
2. G.O.Ms.No.128, PR&RD (Vig. I) Dept. dt: 04.09.2014.
3. G.O.Rt.No.845, PR&RD (Vig.I) Department, Dt.04.09.2014.
4. G.O.Rt.No.531, PR&RD (Vig.I) Department, dt.07.08.2017.
5. From R, Venkateswara Rao, former ENC, PR, & Enquiry Officer, Lr.No.QC2/VQC/ 5310708 /EG/2017, Dt.02.05.2019.
6. Govt.Memo.No.12791/Vig./2013, PR&RD (Vg.I) Department, Dt.26.07.2019.
7. From Sri P. Prabhakar Reddy, former S.E, PR, Kakinada, EG Dist., and retired Chief Engineer (PR), representation dt: 2.8.2019,
8. Govt. Memo No. 12791/Vig. I/2013, PR&RD (Vig. I) Department, Dated: 17.06.2020.
9. From Sri P. Prabhakar Reddy, former S.E, PR, E.G. District and retired C.E (PR), representation, dt: 24.11.2021.
10. Govt. Letter No.12791/Vig./2013-12, PR&RD (Vg.I) Department, Dt:24.01.2022.
11. From the Secretary, APPSC, Letter No. 84/DC&C/2022, dated: 20.04.2022.
12. From the ENC,PR, AP, Letter No. Vig. I (1)/1796/2013, dated: 23.11.2022.

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O R D E R:

Based on the report of Director General, Vigilance & Enforcement made in the reference 1st read above on the allegation of irregularities in execution of the **two road works** in E.G. District, Government, vide reference 2nd read above have accorded sanction under Rule 9 (2)(b) of A.P. Revised Pension Rules, 1981 to institute disciplinary proceedings against Sri P. Prabhakar Reddy, former Superintending Engineer, PR, E.G. District and Chief Engineer, PR (Retired on 31.7.2013). Accordingly, Government have framed following two (2) charges under Rule 20 of A.P.C.S (CC&A) Rules, 1991 against Sri P. Prabhakar Reddy, former Superintending Engineer, PR, E.G. District and

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Chief Engineer, PR (Retired), inter-alia among others, in respect of allegations of irregularities in execution of the two road works under PMGSY Scheme in E.G. District, with a direction to the Charged Officer to submit his Written Statement of Defence :

Charge-1 :

That Sri P.Prabhakar Reddy, the then Superintending Engineer, PR, Kakinada EG Dist., now retired as Chief Engineer (PR) has misused his official position for his personal gain and committed certain allegations of irregularities in the execution of the work "Road from (R&B) road to Bheemakrosupalem, sanctioned under PMGSY Grant, as he has failed to follow the departmental procedure and invite quotations for supply of material in local NEWS Paper even though the cost of work is more than Rs.70.00 Lakhs resulting loss to the Govt. exchequer in contravening the APCS Rules, 1964.

Charge -2:

That Sri P.Prabhakar Reddy, the then Superintending Engineer, PR, Kakinada, EG Dist., now retired CE(PR) has misused his official position for his personal gain and committed allegations of irregularities in the execution of the work " B.T. To the Road from 1/0 of L021 of Kothalanka sanctioned under PMGSY as he has failed to follow the departmental execution procedure and executed without inviting quotations from the material suppliers resulting loss to the Govt., exchequer in contravening the APCS Rules, 1964.

2. The Charged Officer has not submitted his written statement defence. After examination of the matter, Government appointed Sri R.Venkateswara Rao, the then Chief Engineer, MGNREGS, as Inquiry Authority under Rule 20(2) of A.P. Civil Services (CC&A) Rules, 1991 to inquire into the charges framed against the charged officer among others, vide reference 4th read above. In the reference 5th read above, the Inquiry Officer has furnished inquiry report and among others, has held that charge framed against the charged officer Sri P. Prabhakar Reddy, S.E, PR (Retired) is held proved.

3. In the reference 6th read above, Government among others, have communicated copy of the inquiry report to the charged officer Sri P. Prabhakar Rddy, former Superintending Engineer, PR, E.G. District (Retired) for his representation, if any on the findings of the Inquiry Officer.

4. In the reference 7th read above, the Charged Officer Sri P. Prabhakar Reddy, the then S.E, PR, Kakinada and C.E (PR) (Retired) has submitted representation and the same has been examined and found unconvincing. Hence, Government have taken a provisional decision to impose a penalty of 10% cut in pension for a period of (5) years against the Charged Officer Sri P. Prabhakar Reddy, former S.E, PR, E.G. district and retired C.E (PR) under Rule 9 of A.P Revised Pension Rules, 1980. Accordingly, the above provisional decision has been communicated to the charged officer vide reference 8th read above calling for his representation and in pursuance to the same, the charged officer vide reference 9th cited and requested to drop further action against him.

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5. Government have examined the matter and observe that the charged officer has not adduced any valid grounds in his representation. Accordingly, taken decision to proceed further to impose the above penalty against the charged officer and addressed the Secretary, A.P. Public Service Commission for concurrence vide reference 10th read above. In turn, the Secretary, A.P. Public Service Commission vide reference 11th read above, has communicated the consent of the Commission to impose the above penalty against the charged officer among others and advised to take action accordingly.

6. While the matter stood thus, the ENC, PR vide reference 12th read above has informed that Smt. P. laxmi Reddy, W/o. Sri P. Prabhakar Reddy, retd. CE (PR) has informed that her husband was expired due to brain stroke on 06.09.2022 at Yashoda Hospital and while enclosing death certificate of her deceased husband she has requested for abating further action against Sri P. Prabhakar Reddy, retired CE (Expired) in the matter.

7. Government after careful examination of the matter, have decided and accordingly hereby abate further action (ie., to impose a penalty of 10% cut in pension for a period of five (5) years) against **Sri P. Prabhakar Reddy**, the then Superintending Engineer, PR, Kakinada and retired Chief Engineer (PR) in the matter since the individual was expired on 06.09.2022.

8. The Engineer-in-Chief, Panchayat Raj, A.P, Vijayawada shall take necessary further action in the matter accordingly.

(BY ORDER AND IN THE NAME OF THE GOVERNOR OF ANDHRA PRADESH)

B.RAJSEKHAR
SPECIAL CHIEF SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT

To
The Engineer in Chief, Panchayat Raj, Andhra Pradesh, Vijayawada.
Smt. P. Laxmi Reddy,
W/o. Late P. Prabhakar Reddy,
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Hubsdiguda, Hyderabad – 500 007,
through Engineer-in-Chief, Panchayat Raj, A.P, Vijayawada (with a request to serve the order on the spouse of deceased and furnish the served copy)

Copy to:
The Secretary, A.P. Public Service Commission, AP, Vijayawada.
The Secretary to VC, A.P. Vigilance Commission, Velagapudi.
The AG, AP, Vijayawada.
The PR&RD (Estt. I) Department.
The OSD to Hon'ble Dy.C.M for PR&RD.
The PS to Spl. C.S to Govt, PR&RD Dept.,
SF/SC.

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SECTION OFFICER